



## **ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AGENCY**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### **STATUTORY INSTRUMENT No. 76 OF 2022** **The Road Traffic (Rules of the Road) Regulations, 2022**

The Minister of Transport and Logistic Hon. Frank Tayali MP, on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 signed **Statutory Instrument (SI) No. 76 of 2022** to enhance positive road user behavior in a bid to save lives and prevent injuries on the Zambian roads.

Subsequently, the SI was successfully published in the *Government Gazette* in January 2023 and is now in effect.

Attached is a summary of the salient provisions of the new law.

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**SUMMARY OF THE PROVISIONS OF STATUTORY INSTRUMENT No. 76 OF  
2022  
The Road Traffic (Rules of the Road) Regulations, 2022**

**1. Pedestrians Not to Cross the Road while using Mobile Phone**

A pedestrian shall not cross a public road while wearing head phones or ear phones, or talking on a mobile phone.

A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one thousand penalty units (K300).

**2. Pedestrian and Motorists to Observe Traffic Lights**

A pedestrian shall wait for the traffic lights to turn red for motor vehicles to stop, before crossing a road at a junction that is controlled by traffic lights. A driver of a vehicle shall give the right of way to a pedestrian who is on a pedestrian crossing which is not controlled by a traffic sign, school traffic warden, road traffic inspector or a police officer.

However, a pedestrian shall not exercise a right of way without offering a driver of an oncoming vehicle reasonable opportunity to stop the vehicle before crossing.

A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one thousand penalty units (K300).

**3. Stopping of Buses, Boarding and Alighting**

A driver of a bus shall only stop to pick up or drop passengers at a bus stop or bus station. A person shall board or alight from a motor omnibus if the motor omnibus is stationary at a parking place designated for motor omnibuses or at a bus stop.

A person shall only board or alight a stationary bus at a parking place designated at a bus stop. A person in charge of a bus shall allow the bus to stop at a bus stop for the sole purpose of picking or dropping passengers. A person shall not stop, or cause or permit to be stopped a bus or other vehicle at a bus stop for a period exceeding three (03) minutes.

A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one thousand penalty units (K300) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or both.

**4. Allowable Distance for Heavy Good Vehicles**

A driver of a heavy goods vehicle shall, where there is free flow of traffic, main-

tain a distance of fifty (50) metres when following a heavy goods vehicle. A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one thousand penalty units (K300).

#### **5. Prohibition from following Emergency Vehicle**

A driver shall maintain a distance of fifty (50) metres when following an emergency vehicle. A person who contravenes this Regulation commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one thousand penalty units (K300) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or both.

